

Table 55. Selected Operator Characteristics for Principal, Second, and Third Operator: 2012

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Characteristics	All operators ¹	Principal operator	Second operator	Third operator
Operatorsnumber	47,870	31,989	13,449	2,432
Sex of operator:				
Male	35,738	29,656	4,494	1,588
Spouse of principal operator	584	(X)	564	20
Female	12,132	2,333	8,955	844
Spouse of principal operator	8,611	(X)	8,285	326
Primary occupation:				
Farming	26,349	18,844	6,102	1,403
Other	21,521	13,145	7,347	1,029
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	36,022	24,334	10,290	1,398
Not on farm operated	11,848	7,655	3,159	1,034
Days worked off farm:				
None	20,135	14,049	4,933	1,153
Any	27,735	17,940	8,516	1,279
1 to 49 days	4,545	2,991	1,268	286
50 to 99 days	1,927	1,190	633	104
100 to 199 days	3,650	2,208	1,269	173
200 days or more	17,613	11,551	5,346	716
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	1,487	787	506	194
3 or 4 years	2,250	1,268	761	221
5 to 9 years	6,214	3,569	2,180	465
10 years or more	37,919	26,365	10,002	1,552
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	1,083	535	377	171
3 or 4 years	1,764	949	628	187
5 to 9 years	5,330	3,000	1,909	421
10 years or more	39,693	27,505	10,535	1,653
Age group:				
Under 25 years	755	258	247	250
25 to 34 years	4,610	2,631	1,562	417
35 to 44 years	6,519	3,922	2,197	400
45 to 54 years	11,499	7,445	3,538	516
55 to 64 years	13,300	9,182	3,676	442
65 to 74 years	7,033	5,263	1,526	244
75 years and over	4,154	3,288	703	163
Average age	54.3	55.9	51.6	47.2
Number of persons living in household	102,955	84,820	13,815	4,320

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Table 56. Women Principal Operators – Selected Farm Characteristics: 2012 and 2007

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Characteristics	Principal operator		Characteristics	Principal operator	
	2012	2007		2012	2007
FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS			FARMS BY NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM (NAICS) - Con.		
Farmsnumber	2,333	2,394	Other crop farming (1119) - Con.		
Land in farmsacres	1,795,145	1,897,957	Sugarcane farming, hay farming, and all other crop farming (11193, 11194, 11199)	910	912
FARMS BY SIZE			Beef cattle ranching and farming (112111)	532	607
1 to 9 acres	151	132	Cattle feedlots (112112)	9	25
10 to 49 acres	555	523	Dairy cattle and milk production (11212)	13	10
50 to 179 acres	768	734	Hog and pig farming (1122)	1	12
180 to 499 acres	357	442	Poultry and egg production (1123)	41	50
500 acres or more	502	563	Sheep and goat farming (1124)	70	92
OWNED AND RENTED LAND IN FARMS			Animal aquaculture and other animal production (1125, 1129)	458	358
Owned land in farmsfarms	2,204	2,218	OTHER FARM CHARACTERISTICS		
.....acres	1,158,681	1,309,566	Farms by-		
Rented or leased land in farmsfarms	547	586	Type of organization (see text):		
.....acres	636,464	588,391	Organization with 50 percent or more ownership interest held by operator and/or persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption	2,259	(NA)
TENURE			Limited Liability Corporation (see text)	60	(NA)
Full ownersfarms	1,786	1,808	Operation's legal status for tax purposes (see text):		
.....acres	545,117	722,576	Family or individual	2,034	2,067
Part ownersfarms	418	410	Partnerships	125	173
.....acres	1,137,470	1,027,923	Corporations	81	91
Tenantsfarms	129	176	Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc	93	63
.....acres	112,558	147,458	Number of operators:		
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD AND GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS			1 operator	1,383	1,540
Totalfarms	2,333	2,394	2 operators	734	674
.....\$1,000	208,715	142,930	3 operators	179	136
Market value of agricultural products soldfarms	2,333	2,394	4 operators	26	33
.....\$1,000	197,106	132,860	5 or more operators	11	11
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse cropsfarms	768	689	Number of women operators:		
.....\$1,000	110,186	63,447	1 operator	2,096	2,208
Livestock, poultry, and their productsfarms	1,022	1,010	2 operators	215	164
.....\$1,000	86,920	69,412	3 operators	16	21
Government paymentsfarms	1,348	1,386	4 operators	6	1
.....\$1,000	11,609	10,070	5 or more operators	-	-
FARMS BY ECONOMIC CLASS			Farms reporting-		
Less than \$1,000	403	523	Internet access	1,582	1,271
\$1,000 to \$2,499	254	336	Dial-up service	129	(NA)
\$2,500 to \$4,999	299	269	DSL service	608	(NA)
\$5,000 to \$9,999	327	336	Cable modem service	344	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$24,999	398	299	Fiber-optic service	194	(NA)
\$25,000 to \$49,999	164	220	Mobile broadband plan for a computer or a cell phone	256	(NA)
\$50,000 or more	488	411	Satellite service	207	(NA)
COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION (CCC) LOANS AND FEDERAL FARM PROGRAM PAYMENTS			Broadband over Power Lines (BPL)	72	(NA)
CCC loans (see text)farms	3	32	Other Internet service	46	(NA)
.....\$1,000	183	1,837	Principal operator is a hired managerfarms	47	68
Conservation Reserve, Wetlands Reserve, Farmable Wetlands, or Conservation Reserve Enhancement Programs paymentsfarms	881	925acres	100,802	129,773
.....\$1,000	5,007	5,537	Farms by number of households sharing in net income of farm:		
Other Federal farm program paymentsfarms	940	864	1 household	1,902	1,942
.....\$1,000	6,602	4,533	2 households	324	304
FARMS BY NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM (NAICS)			3 households	73	101
Oilseed and grain farming (1111)	274	277	4 households	22	25
Vegetable and melon farming (1112)	8	19	5 or more households	12	22
Fruit and tree nut farming (1113)	5	9	Farms by share of principal operator's total household income from farming:		
Greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture production (1114)	12	23	Less than 25 percent	1,463	1,522
Other crop farming (1119)	910	912	25 to 49 percent	203	268
Tobacco farming (11191)	-	-	50 to 74 percent	328	285
Cotton farming (11192)	-	-	75 to 99 percent	220	246
			100 percent	119	73

Table 57. Women Operators – Selected Operator Characteristics: 2012 and 2007

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Characteristics	All operators ¹		Principal operator		Characteristics	All operators ¹		Principal operator	
	2012	2007	2012	2007		2012	2007	2012	2007
Operatorsnumber	12,132	11,144	2,333	2,394	Age group - Con.				
Primary occupation:					35 to 44 years	1,719	1,866	208	275
Farming	4,416	4,201	862	851	45 to 54 years	3,052	3,307	467	511
Other	7,716	6,943	1,471	1,543	55 to 64 years	3,416	2,711	561	539
Place of residence:					65 to 74 years	1,640	1,443	449	464
On farm operated	9,787	8,934	1,596	1,545	75 years and over	1,006	830	515	478
Not on farm operated	2,345	2,210	737	849	Average age of -				
Days worked off farm:					All operators	54.0	53.3	(X)	(X)
None	4,106	3,733	916	964	Principal operator	(X)	(X)	61.0	59.9
Any	8,026	7,411	1,417	1,430	Second operator	52.3	51.5	(X)	(X)
1 to 49 days	1,090	1,238	184	254	Third operator	52.9	51.5	(X)	(X)
50 to 99 days	585	528	85	69	Spanish, Hispanic, or				
100 to 199 days	1,254	1,242	168	228	Latino origin (see text)	90	51	16	13
200 days or more	5,097	4,403	980	879	Race:				
Years on present farm:					American Indian or Alaska Native	407	355	140	136
2 years or less	480	445	110	93	Asian	11	12	-	3
3 or 4 years	587	630	119	169	Black or African American	3	1	-	-
5 to 9 years	1,856	1,906	275	438	Native Hawaiian or				
10 years or more	9,209	8,163	1,829	1,694	Other Pacific Islander	5	6	-	-
Years operating any farm (see text):					White	11,651	10,715	2,183	2,237
2 years or less	372	(NA)	88	(NA)	More than one race reported	55	55	10	18
3 or 4 years	492	(NA)	97	(NA)	Number of persons living				
5 to 9 years	1,650	(NA)	243	(NA)	in household of-				
10 years or more	9,618	(NA)	1,905	(NA)	Principal operator	(X)	(X)	4,857	5,308
Age group:					Second operator	4,546	3,062	(X)	(X)
Under 25 years	165	142	21	28	Third operator	1,065	892	(X)	(X)
25 to 34 years	1,134	845	112	99					

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